
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE TRUSTEES
OF THE
STATE WORKHOUSE
AT BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1882.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To His Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable Council of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In conformity with the statute, the Trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater, herewith submit their twenty-ninth annual report.

The past year has been marked with no special change in the management of the State Workhouse. The same discreet direction of its affairs, under the superintendence of Capt. Nahum Leonard, has continued, with few changes in subordinate officers. The spirit of obedience that has prevailed among the inmates is worthy of notice, while the general discipline has been such as reflects much credit upon the institution. The various shades of criminals that are sent here, which embrace the vicious, demented and insane, as well as the pauper element, renders the government of the institution always difficult, while it calls for much patience and discretion on the part of the officers. Under such circumstances we are happy to note the uniform, kind and humane treatment that has prevailed, and which finds acknowledgment in the absence of complaint. The number of inmates in the institution usually reaches the lowest point at this season of the year, while as winter approaches the numbers increase. Drunkenness and vagrancy are the leading causes of sentence here, and we may expect a continual flow of this type of criminals to this institution so long as the grog-shop is permitted to do its work. Broken down physically and enfeebled in intellect, large numbers of these have little strength to resist temptation, and there is little hope of their reformation. The condition of some of the younger portion of the

inmates is not entirely hopeless, and efforts for their reform we would strongly encourage as a sacred duty. To that end we would favor longer sentences in case of repeated convictions for drunkenness. But we adhere to the belief that moral influences are more potent than law, as without moral support law itself is of no effect. The library of the institution affords reading to such as avail themselves of the privilege, and the Sunday services of the chapel are well attended, and we trust not without some influence for good. The female department, under the special charge of Mrs. Leonard, has forty-three women and twenty-six children, and is entirely separate from the men. The women are young, and in many cases are more the victims of misfortune than of confirmed vicious tendencies. Special care is taken that these are provided with good situations when they go out, and in many cases good reports are received from those thus provided for.

The chief employment of the men is the labor upon the farm and in the chair-shop, the latter contract work, employing about one hundred during the winter. The farm products have been somewhat affected by drouth, but the yield has been quite satisfactory. The leading products are 150 tons of hay, 25 tons of oat straw, 350 bushels oats, 1,000 bushels potatoes, 1,250 bushels beets, 100 bushels turnips, 300 bushels rye, 42 bushels beans, sweet corn, cabbage, 180 barrels of apples. The live stock consists of 25 cows, 6 oxen, 2 bulls, 4 calves, 3 horses, 100 swine, 250 fowls. The condition of the farm is highly creditable to the management. The buildings are in excellent repair, though the nature of their occupancy requires constant attention. The cleanliness that is exacted, and the excellent drainage that has always been maintained, secures a sanitary condition that is most gratifying.

The report of the Physician, Dr. Edward Sawyer, is herewith transmitted; also the report of the Chaplain, Rev. J. B. Hingeley.

JOSHUA E. CRANE,
J. WHITE BELCHER,
WEAVER OSBORNE,

Trustees of State Workhouse.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the State Workhouse.

The report of this institution for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1882, is respectfully submitted.

The whole number of inmates remaining Oct. 1st, 1881,	
was	129
Male prisoners,	84
Female "	18
State paupers,	20
Discharged prisoners,	7
Total,	— 129

The whole number of admissions from Oct. 1st, 1881,	
to Oct. 1st, 1882,	504
Male prisoners,	112
Female "	7
State paupers,	378
Discharged prisoners,	7
Total,	— 504

Whole number supported in the institution during the	
year,	633

Whole number discharged from Oct. 1st, 1881, to Oct.	
1st, 1882,	423
To wit -- Male prisoners,	113
Female "	18
State paupers,	259
Discharged prisoners, remaining over,	5
Deaths of all classes,	28
Total,	— 423

Whole number remaining Oct. 1st, 1882,	210
Male prisoners,	80
Female "	7
State paupers,	114
Discharged prisoners wishing to remain,	9
Total,	— 210

Average number during the year,	223 $\frac{11}{13}$
Largest " " "	364
Smallest " " "	127

The expenditures and receipts have been as follows : —

From Oct. 1st, 1881, to Jan. 1st, 1882,	10,892 94
Received from Treasurer for same period,	10,892 94
From Jan. 1st, 1882, to Oct. 1st, 1882,	23,645 09
Received from Treasurer for same period,	23,645 06
The appropriation for 1881 was	40,000 00
Amount expended,	35,110 38
Unexpended balance,	4,889 62

Which latter sum reverted to the Treasury.

The appropriation for 1882 was	40,000 00
The amount thus far expended is	23,645 00
Leaving an unexpended balance of	16,354 91

The total expenses for the year have been as follows : —

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Expenses of trustees,	\$192 16
Expenses of physician and consulting physician,	550 00
Expenses of chaplain,	300 00
Salaries of resident officers,	7,207 65
Incidental labor,	1,152 92
Dry goods, bedding and furniture,	1,128 30
Tea, coffee and chocolate,	787 48
Leather, shoes and findings,	706 16
Transportation of merchandise and inmates,	541 00
Blacksmith and carriage work,	89 50
Cutlery, tin, crockery and hardware,	189 81
Baskets, brooms and brushes,	71 75
Soap and materials,	196 80
Hops, salt, malt, vinegar and pepper,	23 53
Lights, glass, &c.,	254 56
Medicine, hospital supplies and disinfectants,	654 95
Seed and farm tools,	452 16
Stationery, blank books, postage, newspapers, &c.,	198 47
Clothing,	1,056 76
Tobacco, snuff and pipes,	433 13
Painting and materials,	115 83
Lime, cement, hair, drain-pipe, bricks, &c.,	151 33
Ordinary repairs on steam apparatus, &c.,	507 89
Miscellaneous small goods,	36 39
Hay and straw for beds,	140 27
Meal, corn and feed,	1,788 66
583 $\frac{1420}{240}$ tons of coal,	3,784 16
42 barrels flour,	358 11
6 " sweet potatoes,	21 75

78 barrels corned beef,	\$978 53
1,718 gallons molasses,	814 78
27,834 pounds fresh meat,	1,460 23
3,423 " fish,	158 49
5,021 " sugar,	484 98
63 " butter,	15 75
524 " cheese,	68 20
1,676 " rice,	43 94
Fruit, raisins, vegetables, &c.,	222 12
Mustard, spice, starch, cream of tartar, &c.,	56 87
55 barrels beans,	479 62
Fertilizers,	520 56
Concreting,	10 00
Nails, butts, locks, screws, wire cloth, &c,	29 09
Lumber,	284 79
Taking inventory and appraisal,	100 00
Cranberries,	12 00
Oysters, hulled corn, clams and lobsters,	81 06
White bread for inmates,	5,099 02
Harness,	35 00
Telephone,	100 00
New pork barrels,	18 75
Bricks for cisterns,	97 05
Extra medical service,	18 75
Trees,	52 00
Hay covers,	125 00
Total expenses,	<u>\$34,538 03</u>

Dividing the amount of expenses by the average number of inmates, gives an annual average cost of,	\$154 74
Equivalent to an average weekly cost of,	\$2 98
The amount received for products of farm and labor of inmates was	\$1,921 87

Which has been paid into the treasury.

An inventory and appraisal of the real and personal estate on hand Oct. 1st, 1882, were made by Robert C. Breck, Esq., and Hon. Joshua E. Crane. The appraisal was as follows : —

Live stock,	\$4,430 00
Products of the farm,	9,435 20
Carriages and agricultural implements,	3,550 95
Mechanical tools and machinery,	19,205 00
Beds and bedding,	5,881 45
Other furniture and property,	5,082 83
Personal property in Superintendent's department,	3,263 30
Ready-made clothing,	2,501 59

Dry goods,	\$448 95
Fuel, \$425; library, \$640,	1,065 00
Drugs and medicines,	388 78
Total personal estate,	56,205 40
Buildings,	132,186 00
Land,	23,900 00
Total real and personal estate,	\$212,291 40
Cash on hand — none.	
Bills payable and receivable — none.	

Respectfully submitted.

N. LEONARD,
Superintendent.

*Schedule of Persons Employed at the State Workhouse within the
year ending September 30, 1882.*

NAME.	Nature of Service.	Duration of Service.	Compensation.
		Months.	
Edward Sawyer,	Physician,	12	\$450 00
Calvin Pratt, M.D.,	Consulting Physician,	12	100 00
Joseph Jenks,	Chaplain,	8	200 00
J. B. Hingeley,	Chaplain,	4	100 00
John A. Conlin,	Catholic Services,	3	25 00
N. Leonard,	Superintendent,	12	1,800 00
T. J. Cannon,	Assistant Supt.,	12	800 00
L. Keene,	Engineer,	3	150 00
J. W. Hannam,	Engineer,	3	150 00
J. Robinson, Jr.,	Engineer,	5	250 00
B. F. Robinson,	Overseer Workshop,	12	480 00
G. H. Cannon,	Kitchen,	6	240 00
F. Jenkins,	Hospital Steward,	7	280 00
F. Jenkins,	Chief Watchman,	5	200 00
J. Robinson, Jr.,	Chief Watchman,	7	280 00
D. Leary,	Assistant Watchman,	12	300 00
Wm. Gillespie,	Farmer,	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	543 75
John Gillespie,	Assistant Farmer,	12	480 00
F. Gillespie,	Assistant Farmer,	3 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	172 23
George Washburn,	Hospital Steward,	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{6}{0}$	52 53
E. H. Hatch,	Overseer of Kitchen,	4 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	85 86
P. J. Leonard,	Chief Matron,	12	350 00
Helen P. Packard,	Assistant Matron,	9	195 00
M. E. Gilman,	Assistant Matron,	4 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{2}{0}$	103 57
Alice L. Packard,	Assistant Matron,	3 $\frac{3}{6}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	66 90
Lizzie Bowman,	Assistant Matron,	6 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{5}{0}$	143 00
Mary Downing,	Assistant Matron,	2	34 67
H. M. Gore,	Assistant Matron,	1 $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{0}{0}$	11 43
Ann Kennedy,	Cook,	1	13 71
			\$8,057 65

HOSPITAL REPORT.

To the Trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater.

The twenty-ninth hospital report is respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY.

Number of admissions,	182
remaining,	16
of deaths,	28
discharged,	148

For nine months of the year a good degree of health prevailed throughout the institution. The late winter and early spring months always find our hospital wards more crowded than the warmer months. This difference has been more marked this past than in former years.

Twenty-five living children have been born, twenty-three of whom were illegitimate, and twenty-eight deaths have occurred.

The following tables show the more important facts of the past year's work, and to them you are respectfully referred for further particulars.

The discipline and good order, as well as cleanliness throughout the institution, are too well known to require comment.

The kindly, considerate co-operation of the Superintendent, Matron, and officers of the institution, have greatly assisted in the discharge of my official duties. To them, through your honorable body, I would extend my hearty and appreciative thanks.

I remain, yours respectfully,

EDWARD SAWYER, M.D., *Physician.*

TABLE NO. 1.

Showing the Number of Cases of Sickness in the State Workhouse at Bridgewater from Oct. 1, 1881, to Sept. 30, 1882, with the Number for each Month, and the Names of the Principal Diseases; also the Average Number on the Sick-list for the Year and for each Month.

DISEASES.	TOTALS.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.
Debility,	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Febrile,	18	—	—	—	—	7	4	1	5	—	—	1	—
Rheumatism,	17	—	—	—	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	—
Parturition,	26	—	—	—	—	2	3	6	5	5	1	1	3
Other diseases,	13	—	—	3	5	1	1	1	1	—	1	—	—
<i>Of Alimentary Canal.</i>													
Choleraic,	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Hepatic,	7	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2	2	—	—	1
Other diseases,	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
<i>Of Nervous Centres.</i>													
Alcoholismus,	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Spasms,	5	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other diseases,	9	—	2	1	—	1	1	—	1	—	1	1	1

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TABLE NO. 3.

Showing the Number of Births in the State Workhouse at Bridgewater during each Month, from Oct. 1, 1881, to Sept. 30, 1882, with a Statement of the Sex, and whether Illegitimate, Twins or Still-born; also the Birthplace of Mothers and the Whole Number since the Opening of the Institution.

MONTHS.	Total.	Males.	Females.	ILLEGITIMATE.			Twins.	Still-born.	BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHERS.				
				Males.	Females.	Total.			United States.	Ireland.	England.	British Provinces.	Other Countries.
October, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
January, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February, . . .	2	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
March, . . .	3	2	1	2	1	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
April, . . .	6	3	3	3	3	6	-	-	2	3	1	-	-
May, . . .	5	3	2	3	2	5	-	-	1	2	-	2	-
June, . . .	5	2	3	1	3	4	-	-	-	2	-	3	-
July, . . .	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
August, . . .	3	1	2	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	1
September, . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals, . . .	25	13	12	12	11	23	-	1	4	12	1	6	2

Whole number since the opening of the institution, . . . 1,143

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the State Workhouse at Bridgewater.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith present my report as Chaplain of the State Workhouse.

My official connection with this institution dates only from July 1, 1882, though I performed the active duties of the office during the month preceding. My experience, therefore, has been but limited, extending over a period of only four months, and my report will be correspondingly brief.

I gratefully recognize and recall the extreme courtesy and warmth of my reception by all of the officers of the institution, as well as the heartiness of their co-operation with me in my special work ever since. My labors have been largely confined to the preaching of the Word, and I have been highly gratified and surprised at the intelligent interest taken in all the services of the chapel, and particularly at the close attention which has uniformly been given to the pulpit efforts. I have good reason to believe that these weekly gatherings for praise, prayer and preaching have not only been a source of pleasure to the inmates, by breaking the monotony of prison life, but have resulted in a lively interest and real profit to some souls.

I cannot forbear from thus acknowledging my gratitude to Miss Louise Leonard, who has so long presided at the chapel organ, and whose services, gratuitously rendered, have aided greatly in the singing. We have also received the benefits of her skill in rendering purely instrumental music, as the sacred selections performed while the prisoners retire from the room abundantly testify.

Through the persistent efforts of the matron many additions have been made to the library, and a neat room has

been fitted up for the reception of the books. The selections are good, and the books frequently called for.

Have baptized four children during the past four months.

In conclusion, pardon me if I overstep the boundaries of my special duties, by saying that my brief experience as an officer of this institution leads me to believe that the important and perplexing problem of prison discipline has met with a very satisfactory solution within the walls of the State Workhouse; viz., a jealous regard for the convict's rights on the part of the management and a profound respect for the Superintendent on the part of the inmates. I *know* that, from whatever cause, Capt. Leonard has the moral support of the great majority of the prisoners, and that in case of any serious difficulty arising, they would be deterred from an outbreak, not so much by a fear of consequences as by an unwillingness to embarrass their best friend and ally, whose firm though quiet demeanor and kindly manner impressed them so favorably when they were first placed in his charge. So completely has this spirit of silent moral power been impressed upon the discipline, that harsh tones and rough words have been banished, and even so constant a visitor as I have been, does not so much as *hear* an order given. Others who have to deal with the same class of men could learn invaluable lessons here.

I am, sirs, respectfully yours,

JOS. B. HINGELEY,

Chaplain.

